

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2209**

Chapter 439, Laws of 2007

60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS--AUTOPSY REPORTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/22/07

Passed by the House April 17, 2007  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2007  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 11, 2007, 11:17 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2209** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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May 11, 2007

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Health Care Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Seaquist, Morrell, Curtis, Green, Moeller and Ormsby)

READ FIRST TIME 02/28/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to allowing advanced registered nurse practitioners  
2 to examine and obtain copies of autopsy reports and records; and  
3 amending RCW 68.50.105.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 68.50.105 and 1987 c 331 s 58 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            Reports and records of autopsies or post mortems shall be  
8 confidential, except that the following persons may examine and obtain  
9 copies of any such report or record: The personal representative of  
10 the decedent as defined in RCW 11.02.005, any family member, the  
11 attending physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner, the  
12 prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction,  
13 public health officials, or to the department of labor and industries  
14 in cases in which it has an interest under RCW 68.50.103.

15            The coroner, the medical examiner, or the attending physician  
16 shall, upon request, meet with the family of the decedent to discuss  
17 the findings of the autopsy or post mortem. For the purposes of this  
18 section, the term "family" means the surviving spouse, or any child,

1 parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister of the decedent, or  
2 any person who was guardian of the decedent at the time of death.

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